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NOTABLE DEATHS.

CHARLES EDWIN WHITING was born in Otsego county, New York, January 17, 1821; he died at Onawa, Iowa, December 2, 1897. In the year 1837, when he had reached the age of sixteen, his parents removed to Lake county, Ohio, where they settled on a farm. The son remained at home until he was twenty-two, when he went to Alabama and engaged in merchandising, in which he was quite successful. But in 1850 he went to California, returning in 1853. He engaged in various business enterprises with a good degree of success, until 1855, when he settled in Monona county, purchasing over 7,000 acres of land, from which he developed one of the finest farms in the State. This farm, from its great size, as well as from his thorough modes of agriculture, has had nothing to surpass it in Iowa. It is a princely estate. Mr. Whiting was a democrat and always considered one of the representative men of his party. He was a candidate on several occasions—for the most part against his own inclinations—and was elected to the State Senate in 1883. His record there was that of a strong, independent legislator, who seemed actuated by the largest sense of justice. In the year 1885 his party nominated him for governor against Gov. Larabee. In this contest he was defeated. Gov. Boies appointed him a member of the Board of Regents of the State University, where he served six years. In his own town and county Mr. Whiting enjoyed a large degree of popularity, and had he been more aggressive in his nature, with an ambition for political preferment, there is no doubt that he would have filled many distinguished positions. As it was, his political honors came to him unsought. His aspirations seemed rather for a quiet life, in which he became one of the model farmers of the West. His death brought forth the highest encomiums from the press of the State regardless of party affiliations.

GEORGE SHIPP was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, July 12, 1815; he died at Webster City, Iowa, November 18, 1897. His parents removed to Ohio during his boyhood, where they were also early settlers. The subject of this notice entered a store in Millersburg, Ohio, in 1833, where he was employed as a clerk. After a service of four years he returned to Wayne county, where he engaged for some years in business on his own account. He went overland to California in 1852, taking with him a herd of cattle and horses. Returning to Ohio two years later, he lived there until 1857, when he removed to Iowa and settled in Webster City. Here he engaged in merchandising, becoming an important factor in the early business and social interests of the town. He was one of three or four citizens who organized the first Congregational church, and the second man in the county to be elected recorder and treasurer—the two offices being then united in one. He was one of the founders of the Farmers' National Bank, and for many years its vice-president. During his early years in Iowa he devoted much time and attention to the public schools of Webster City. In short, he was a well-known and most useful pioneer citizen of Hamilton county—honest and always reliable in his dealings, genial and kindly in his manners, a model husband and father, and a pillar of the church of which he was a life-long member.

JUDGE JOEL BAILEY, the oldest and most venerated pioneer of Delaware county died November 8, 1897, at the age of eighty-three. Judge Bailey was born in Otsego, New York, in 1814. He was left an orphan at the age of nine years. In youth he learned the trade of making gun barrels, and later the

art of surveying. In 1835 he came to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, then a small hamlet, and boarded at the first hotel opened in the town. It was kept by a half-breed and his Indian wife. In 1836, in company with some government engineers, he surveyed for six months on the Rock river, and during that time saw no white settler. In 1837, with government engineers, he came into Iowa and surveyed parts of Delaware, Dubuque and Buchanan counties. In 1839 he made claims in Delaware county, and has since, with the exception of one year spent in California, continued to reside there. Judge Bailey was active in organizing the county and was a member of the committee that selected the county seat. He had been honored with various offices; was the first county surveyor, school fund commissioner, postmaster at Bailey's Ford, when it was a stopping place on the stage line between Dubuque and Independence; county treasurer, county recorder, county judge, and was twice elected mayor of Manchester. *The Manchester Press* paid a glowing tribute to the irreproachable life and character of this pioneer.

ROBERT T. FRENCH was born in Davenport, Iowa, July 3, 1871; he died in the General Hospital, Toronto, Canada, November 6, 1897. The brief career of this young man, which was closed so prematurely, was one of the highest promise. He was born to wealth and high social position—seemingly above the caprices of fortune—and as the world goes had no need to put forth an exertion. But he was imbued with an ambition that few possess—and the richest heritage that can adorn and bless any human life—to pursue a career of the largest activity and usefulness, with the amplest practical knowledge. First attending the public schools at home, he entered and graduated from Phillips Academy, at Andover, Massachusetts. He then entered Harvard University from which he graduated in 1893. Returning home he learned the trade of a worker in iron and steel, taking his place with other laborers and toiling night and day. He also spent some time in the Carnegie works at Homestead, Pennsylvania. He then went to Sharon, Pennsylvania, to acquire farther knowledge, and was nearly ready to return to Davenport to engage in business. While traveling in Canada with his brother, Col. George W. French, he fell a victim to typhoid fever from which he died. He was a brother of Miss Alice French, "Octave Thanet," who has won more than national fame in literature.

HON. DAVID BUNKER was born in Guilford county, South Carolina, October 23d, 1810; he died at his home in English River township, Washington county, Iowa, June 26, 1897. His parents removed to Wayne county, Indiana, where he grew up to manhood. He came to Iowa in the spring of 1839, and settled in Washington county, where he resided until his death. He was elected county commissioner of his county in 1840. This was an office akin in its duties to that of the present county supervisors. He was elected a member of the Territorial legislature of 1842-43. During this session he presented a petition for the repeal of the odious "Black Laws." He was also a member of the 3d and 4th General Assemblies, and of the Constitutional Convention of 1857. For many years he was one of the most prominent and active men of his county, taking an active part in its development and progress. He was a typical pioneer, a man of great force of character, combining strict integrity and determination of purpose with more than the average amount of ability.

DR. EUCLID E. FULLER, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Keokuk, died at his home in that city November 18, 1897. Dr. Fuller was born in Bedford, Massachusetts, July 20, 1822. His father was also an

eminent physician and followed the practice of his profession to the close of a long life. Dr. Fuller early developed the tastes of a scholar, and his constant study and research made him a highly useful and honored member of the medical profession. He came to Keokuk in 1856, where he afterwards resided. At the breaking out of the rebellion he joined the City Rifles. He was soon commissioned as assistant surgeon of the 3d Iowa cavalry, and served in that capacity for two years. He then engaged in hospital work as long as it was continued. In 1864 he graduated from the Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons, and was for some years a member of the faculty. For four years he was a member of the Board of Education. His life was one of great usefulness.

GEN. WILLIAM THOMPSON, a veteran of the late war and a man prominent in Iowa in early days, died in Tacoma, Washington, October 7, 1897, at the age of eighty-four. In 1847 Gen. Thompson was elected to represent the First District in the Thirtieth Congress. The district then comprised all of Southern Iowa, including Polk county. The next year he was again elected, but his seat was contested by the late Hon. Daniel F. Miller of Keokuk, and the latter was finally declared entitled to the place. Gen. Thompson served as clerk of the Iowa House in the Seventh General Assembly, and again during the extra war-session of the Eighth. In the war of the rebellion he first served as Captain of Co. E. 1st Iowa cavalry. Governor Kirkwood promoted him to major of the regiment, and later Governor Stone commissioned him colonel. At the re-organization of the regular army he was made captain in the Seventh Cavalry. The last Congress brevetted him Brigadier-General.

HON. GEORGE W. EDWARDS who was at one time prominent in the politics of this State, was buried at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, November 26, 1897. He died at Duluth a few days before that date. But the papers which chronicled this event do not state when or where he was born, nor do they give the date of his death. He published the *Mt. Pleasant Home Journal* for some years, dating from 1857; but removed to Burlington where he became associated with the late Hon. Charles Beardsley in the publication of *The Hawkeye*. In the winter of 1870 he was elected State Printer, serving two years. From this time until his death he was engaged in railroad work at Cedar Rapids and Duluth. He was one of the leading Iowa editors for many years, and a man who held a high social position wherever he resided. His wife was buried several years ago at Mt. Pleasant, whither his remains were taken to their final resting-place by her side.

REV. FATHER JAMES ORTH was born September 1, 1818, at Mittun-on-the-Rhine; he died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Keokuk, Iowa, October 27, 1897. He received his education at the University of Bonn, Germany, but did not enter the priesthood until his arrival in this country. He was ordained by Rt. Rev. Mathias Loras, first Catholic Bishop of Dubuque. His first parish was Guttenburg, Clayton county, where he settled in 1855. He also had charge of several others—at Festina, Fort Madison, New Vienna and Keokuk. The fine hospital where he died was largely the result of his own work. He was as noted for his unobtrusive, quiet manners, as for his substantial charities throughout his whole life. He had made the finest collection of oil pictures ever brought to Keokuk, largely after the old masters. It is understood that his collection will go to St. Joseph's Hospital. He was one of the oldest priests in the diocese.

EUGENE B. DYKE was born in Oswego county, New York, January 11, 1842; he died at Charles City, Iowa, October 29, 1897. In his early life his parents removed to Rock county, Wisconsin, where he grew up to manhood on his father's farm. He received his education at Beloit College where he graduated in 1865, receiving the degree of A. B. and afterwards that of A. M. He served a year during the civil war as a private in Co. C. 44th Iowa Infantry. In 1870 he removed to Charles City, where he soon afterwards purchased *The Intelligencer* from its founder, Hon. A. B. F. Hildreth. He sold the establishment in 1874 and went to California. A year or two later he returned and repurchased the paper, remaining its editor and proprietor up to the time of his death. He served his city four years as police justice, and under President Harrison's administration held the position of postmaster.

JUDGE BYRON A. RICE, a prominent Iowa pioneer, and for a long time a distinguished member of the Polk county bar, died in Des Moines, October 14, 1897. Judge Rice was born in the State of New York May 24, 1826. At the age of sixteen he began teaching school during the winters while he read law summers. In 1849 he removed to the West and settled in Des Moines. Here he taught the first public school and was actively connected with the early development of the town. In 1850 he was elected prosecuting attorney. In 1851 he became the first county judge of Polk county, which office he retained four years. From that time until 1876, when he retired from active life, he was conspicuous in public affairs. His character was one of strict integrity and he commanded the respect and confidence of all.

JOHN M. STOCKDALE, a Webster county pioneer, died at his home in Washington, Pennsylvania, September 17, 1897. Mr. Stockdale was prominent in the early history of Fort Dodge, and was well known by the people in Northwestern Iowa. His native State was Pennsylvania, and there, in 1852, he was admitted to the bar. In 1854 he was elected to the State legislature. In 1857 he was appointed by President Buchanan register of the government land office at Fort Dodge, Iowa. He held the office until 1861, and resided in Fort Dodge until 1865. He was a very active politician, and the old settlers of Hamilton and Webster counties still bear him in remembrance. In later years he adopted the profession of journalism and was at the time of his death conducting *The Washington Review and Examiner*.

REV. JOSHUA M. CHAMBERLAIN was born on a farm near West Brookfield, Massachusetts, October —, 1826; he died at his home in Grinnell, November 11, 1897. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1855 and afterwards took the theological course at Andover. He removed to Iowa in the fifties, and after pastorates in Des Moines and Eddyville, located in Grinnell. For a short time he was editor and proprietor of *The Grinnell Herald*. But since 1872 his ability and energy have been wholly devoted to the interests of Iowa College. He served on the board of trustees for more than a third of a century, and at different times held the positions of secretary, treasurer and librarian. He was a pioneer not only in the religious but in the educational field, and was efficient everywhere.

ERWEN B. CAMPBELL, the oldest resident of Armstrong Grove township, died at his home in Armstrong, Emmet county, Iowa, September 19, 1897. He was born in Scotland and at the age of 16 enlisted in the English army.

He served in the Crimean war, taking part in the battle of Balacava and the siege of Sebastopol. Later he came to America and made his home in Iowa. At the breaking out of the civil war he enlisted in Co. G. 12th Iowa Infantry, and was in the thickest of the fight at Forts Henry and Donelson. At Shiloh he was captured and was for some time in Libby prison. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant. After the war he located in Emmet county, where he resided until his death.

MRS. MARGARET FUNCK, the oldest living resident of Burlington, died in that city October 28, 1897. "Grandma" Funck was born in Germany in 1813. In 1830 she took passage for America in a sailing vessel, which required seventy-five days for the voyage. In 1836 she came to Burlington, then a settlement of four log huts and a jail, with one frame house in process of erection. Mrs. Funck boarded the members of the territorial legislature when the State House was on Front street. She was fond of relating incidents connected with those early days. A woman of sterling character and lovable disposition, she had endeared herself to a wide circle of friends.

BREVET BRIGADIER NELSON G. WILLIAMS died in Brooklyn, New York, December 3, 1897. He was the first Colonel of the 3d Iowa Infantry. At the battle of Shiloh where he commanded a brigade, he was so severely injured by the falling of his horse, which was shot under him, that he was compelled to leave the army. Upon his recovery he was appointed by President Grant to an important position in the New York Custom House. He has been understood to have graduated from West Point, but his name does not appear in Gen. Cullom's Biographical Register of that institution. Be that as it may, he was a brave and meritorious officer.

DANIEL B. CLARK was born in Batavia, New York, January 9, 1819; he died at Council Bluffs, Iowa, October 1, 1897. He removed to Pottawattamie county in 1852, where he engaged in farming. During the war of the rebellion he raised a company which was assigned to the 15th Iowa Infantry as "Company H," receiving from Gov. Kirkwood the commission of captain. He served some time most creditably with his regiment, but was finally compelled by ill health to resign. As a pioneer citizen, a leading member of the Methodist church, and a brave soldier, he had become well-known throughout that section of the State.

ALFRED TREDWAY, a pioneer citizen and merchant of Dubuque, died in that city November 5, 1897, at the age of eighty years. He was born in New York City near the Battery, August 11, 1817. His college education was received at Colchester, Connecticut. In 1851 he came west and settled in Dubuque, at that time a small lead-mining village. Here he built up an immense business enterprise and promoted throughout his long life the best interests of the community. He celebrated his golden wedding with the wife who survives him, in 1896.

GEORGE J. BONNEY was born in New York in 1837; he died at Dubois, Colorado, November 7, 1897. He grew up to manhood at Keosauqua, Iowa. In May, 1861, he enlisted in Co. F. 2d Iowa Infantry, under Capt. J. M. Tuttle, afterwards Colonel and Brigadier General. He was in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh and Corinth, and is borne in kindest remembrance by his old comrades in arms, as a praiseworthy man and a brave soldier. He was a nephew of Hon. Josiah H. Bonney, our second Secretary of State.

DR. JACKSON WATTS died in Des Moines October 16, 1897. He was born in Indiana in 1840. With his father and seven brothers he removed to Polk county, Iowa, in 1848, and was one of the oldest residents of this region. In 1859 he began the study of dental surgery, and at the time of his death was eminent in his chosen profession, enjoying the reputation of being one of the best dentists in the West.

REUBEN C. ROCK who died November 4, 1897, in Cedar Rapids, was one of the oldest settlers of Linn county. He was born in Litiz, Pennsylvania, in 1820. In 1850 he came to Cedar Rapids and was the first person to engage in the hardware business in that city. Mr. Rock was one of the best educated men in the county, and his wide knowledge and excellent judgment rendered him a most valuable citizen.

CAPT. W. A. HUNTER died at Malvern, Iowa, December 11, 1897, at the age of 84 years. He was once a student in the law office of Edwin M. Stanton, Steubenville, Ohio, but later on became editor of a journal advocating the abolition of slavery. He was a fearless and able defender of what he deemed to be right. He was the father of Hon. J. D. and Capt. J. R. C. Hunter of Webster City.

DAVID T. JEWELL, an old and highly respected citizen of Hamilton county, died at Jewell Junction, Iowa, November 12, 1897. Mr. Jewell was born in the State of New York in 1835. In 1877 he removed to Iowa and became the founder of the town that bears his name.

PORTRAIT OF GEN. HENRY DODGE.

We present in this number of THE ANNALS an etching from a portrait of this illustrious pioneer of the Northwest. The original was painted by George Catlin, in 1834, when its subject was in the prime of life, and is now owned by his grandson, Hon. W. W. Dodge, of Burlington. The Historical Department, through the courtesy of this gentleman, is in possession of a facsimile of this interesting and valuable painting, copied by Miss Hattie Binford of Burlington. The original was a miniature, the figure being only 7½ inches in height. Our printed copy of this portrait is somewhat reduced in size, but otherwise as faithful a reproduction as can be secured in a zinc etching.

The Spirit of our land, personified,
Is the bold Pioneer: that Spirit strong
And restless, which hath mow'd its sinewy way
Through the deep forest, since its first tree stoop'd
To the sharp axe-blow. Far and wide he sees
The wonders he has caused: the bloom—the life—
Which glanced in broken visions through the brain
That night beneath the branches: and as dips
The sun within the west, he humbly hopes
His sun will sink as gently to the tomb,
And rise as brightly to eternal day.

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